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What About Dredging ?

Introduction :

Dredging is the operation of removing material from under water. Dredging has grown into a very specialised activity the plant and equipment involved may have a capital cost of many millions of Euro; the largest of the modern dredgers found operating in the world today are capable of moving hundreds of thousands of cubic metres of material each week.

Dredgers can bring great benefit. They allow new ports and harbours to be developed, new land to be created and water transport to function safely. They allow pipelines to be laid in the North Sea, oil to be extracted from the Arctic and sandy beaches to be enjoyed by holidaymakers.

Dredging is involved in a wide range of environmental aspects. Cleaning-up of (highly) polluted soils as well as safely storage are part of the specialisation.

The wise-use of Wetlands is much integrated in our planning and works.

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